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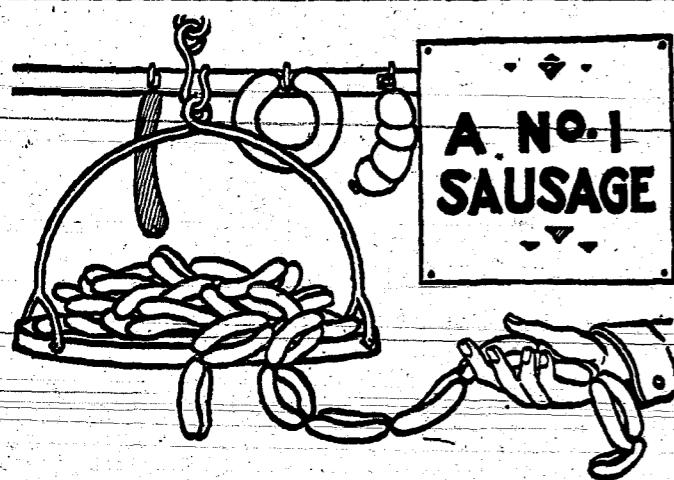
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OSCAR P. SCHUMANN, Editor and Proprietor

NUMBER 6



YOU'RE not a child any longer. You don't have to play grab bag when you buy *sausage*. Come to this place, and then you will be sure of the kind of sausage you are buying. We know what goes into it. You may depend upon the high quality of all our meats.

MILK'S MARKET

F. H. Milks Phone No. 2

The Home of Better Groceries

In these days when ALL groceries are high in price—the poor as well as the good—the real choice is in quality. Good groceries cost very little more than inferior ones, but they go a long ways further.

Quality is Our Trade Mark

It is stamped on every package, or bag, or pail, or basket of goods that leaves our store. You will conserve both your health and your pleasure by buying groceries from us. We give you the SATISFACTORY kind of eats.

H. Petersen, GROCER



ORDER NOW

If you want to be sure of getting a car

People who want Ford Cars for spring delivery had better get their orders in as quickly as possible.

The demand for Fords is large and it is anticipated that it is going to be hard to get deliveries later.

I have already orders for 46 cars, 26 of which have been delivered the others are to be delivered about April 1st.

Do not delay, if you want a car, but get your order in once and protect yourself against disappointment.

GEO. BURKE, Frederic

War Brides

A story of greater tragedy than those of the trenches, featuring the great

RUSSIAN TRAGEDIEENNE, NAZIMOVA

This is one of the Greatest Photo Dramas that has ever been booked in Grayling and is a guaranteed production. Do not miss seeing it.

GRAYLING OPERA HOUSE

Thursday and Friday, Feb. 15th and 16th

Admission 15, 25 and 35 cents

Reserved seats on sale at Central Drug Store

THIRD ANNUAL K. OF P. PARTY

ONE OF PRETTIEST EVER HELD IN GRAYLING.

About 175 Couples Present. Uniform Rank Drill a Feature.

The third annual party of Grayling Lodge Knights of Pythias was held at the school auditorium last evening and proved to be one of the finest and most enjoyable ever given in the city.

There were about 175 couples present and many extra ladies. About 500 invitations had been issued and acceptances came from many outside of Grayling as well as at home.

Guests began arriving at about 8:00 o'clock. At about 8:30 there was an inspection of and exhibition drill by Grayling Company Uniform rank.

General Kyes and Col. Tooker of Lansing, grand officers, who were present last year, were here again at this party.

After official inspection of the company by the latter gentlemen, a very pretty drill was presented; many of the movements winning hearty applause.

This was under direction of Capt. W. M. Case and Lieutenants Marius Hanson and Einar Rasmussen.

This was followed by dancing, Russo's orchestra of Saginaw, opening the party by playing a one-step.

A pleasant feature occurred just before the drill that is not generally known by those present, when Gen.

Kyes, on behalf of the members of Grayling company, presented Capt. Case with a fine, solid gold Pythian signet ring. Of course this was a surprise to the Captain and he cordially thanked the members and said he hoped it wouldn't make him forget himself during the drill.

The ball-room decorations were simple but pretty. Suspended from the center of the room were seventeen lines of green, rope festoons, upon which were suspended at intervals

hundreds of red imitation carnations.

The balcony was trimmed in the same material, running in graceful drapes along the front edges. About a dozen Pythian emblems finished the balcony decorations. The orchestra was stationed upon a platform enclosed with lattice work, with pretty posts for corners; the platform was mounted by three steps. All of these were of white enamel. The lattice was entwined with smilax. In one corner of the room was a booth where delicious punch was served throughout the evening.

Refreshments were served beginning at about 11:00 o'clock. There were delicious little bun sandwiches, cake, brick cream with the letters K.P. frozen in pink in the center, and coffee.

The party lasted until about 3:30 a.m. and at the finish it seemed as though the crowd was nearly as large as it was earlier in the evening. There were guests present from Gaylord, Cheboygan, Frederic, Roscommon, West Branch, Saginaw, Bay City, Detroit, Flint and many other places.

This was the third annual ball of this lodge and their parties have increased in favor and popularity each time. The members try to do everything possible to make the event enjoyable to all who attend by providing good music, pretty surroundings and last, but not least, pleasant and agreeable guests.

The committees who planned and did the work of putting on the party deserve much credit for their efforts.

J. Fred Alexander was chairman of the executive committee and is deserving of our highest appreciation for the success of the party. Many of the wives of the members assisted in the work of preparing the supper.

Among the out-of-town guests other

than those mentioned elsewhere, who

were in attendance at the K. of P. ball

were the Misses Ada Ryan and

Margaret Martin of Sebewaing; Mr. and

Mrs. G. M. McGillivray, Misses McClellan, Ruth Anderson, Cecil LaRue, Lovica Simms, Marie Heffy and Mr.

F. O. Rockwell all of Bay City; the

Misses Jackson and Miss Lauder Neilson of Flint; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hanson, R. E. Billiner and Wilfred Cohen all of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chalker and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chalker of Waters; Messrs. Grondin and Buckingham of Ludington; Messrs. Reichert, George Smith, Joseph Lally and Isadore Blumenthal of West Branch; Miss Maude Vanasye of Mt. Pleasant; Miss Vera Cameron of Frederic; Miss Rose Dufour of Detroit; George Paschall of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Guggisberg, Mr. and Mrs. Shipp, Mr. and Mrs. Small, Supt. and Mrs. Keyworth, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Ford, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Knapp, Miss Hazel Durfee and Mr. Dewey Durfee all of Gaylord; Miss Irene Scrafford of Gladwin.

RAPID SHOE REPAIR SHOP.

E. J. Olson Opens for Business with Fine Equipment.

For several weeks past machinery

has been arriving for the new shoe repair shop that was opened by E. J. Olson last week for business.

The various parts seemed to come in

installments, but now, Mr. Olson says,

the plant is complete and doing busi-

ness.

This is located next door to the Cen-

tral Drug store. Mr. A. A. Crummis

of the Soo, arrived Monday to take

charge of the mechanical work. Dur-

ing his ten years' experience, Mr.

Cummis says he never saw a more

complete and up-to-date equipped shoe

and harness repair shop in Michigan.

There is an automatic nailer which

fastens on a tap or heel almost quicker

than one can tell about it, and every

nail is perfectly clinched. There are

automatic finishers, buffers, polishers,

a shoe and harness stitcher, a Singer

patching machine and a number of

other machines.

Mr. Olson says that they are using

the very best grades of leather and

other materials in their work and are

prepared to furnish wear-and-water

proof soles. They carry a line of all

kinds of rubber heels and soles and

also the well known Neolin soles and

heels combined. These latter are much

like rubber but have not the disad-

vantage of rubber.

Another feature that they are spe-

cializing in, is putting new rubber bot-

tons onto leather tops. This will be

appreciated by woodsmen and other

out-door workers. Quick service and

first class work is what this firm is

boasting of and they claim that with

their present equipment one man can

do the work of ten men by hand. We

call our readers' attention to their ad-

vertisement elsewhere in this issue

of the Avalanche.

Mrs. Levi Abbott Died.

After several weeks of hopeless

struggle, Mrs. Mattie Abbott passed

quietly away at Mercy hospital last

Sunday morning. Tuberculosis of the

lungs, from which she had been suf-

fing for the past three years ended her

life on earth. About three months

ago, she became very ill at her home,

and so that she might receive proper

care, on December 27, was removed to

Mercy hospital, where from the dead-

ly disease, she failed very rapidly,

and Sunday morning death ended her

intense sufferings. During her illness

she was very patient and tried to look

on the bright side of everything and

Saturday at midnight when she knew

the end was near called her husband

and children to her bedside, that she

might bid them farewell.

Mrs. Abbott was a Christian woman,

and a very kind mother and a kind

and obliging neighbor; and was liked

by all who knew her. She was the

mother of nine children, eight of

whom are living, to mourn her untimely

death, as she was only 39 years of

age. Four of the children are very

young and just at this time need a

mother's care and much pity is felt

for them. Her husband Levi Abbott

survives, and the eight children are

Duford, Erwin, Lula, Edith, Cecil,

Joy, Earl and Alta.

The remains were taken from the

Sorenson Brothers' undertaking par-

lor to Rose City for burial, Tuesday

morning, the former home of the fam-

ily.

Card of Thanks.

It is with heartfelt thanks, that we

wish to extend our appreciation to

those, who lent their kind assistance

to us during the illness and death of

our fond mother.

The Abbott children.

Notice of Election.

To the qualified electors of the

County of Crawford:

NOTICE is hereby given that a gen-

eral primary election will be held in

the several voting precincts of this

County on Wednesday, the seventh of

March, 1917, for the purpose of nomi-

nating candidates for the office of

Circuit Judge of the

GRAYLING'S
QUALITY
STORE

TO CELEBRATE
OUR

Date of Sale
Feb. 10th to 20th
Inclusive

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

This store is now celebrating its fifteenth anniversary of successful merchandising. Yet it is more youthful and more "up and doing" than ever. Each year we are doing a larger volume of business, for which achievement we are very proud. Better values, better service and the same high quality that has characterized this store for honest business methods.

This Stirring Anniversary Sale Commences Saturday February 10th
and Continues for TEN DAYS

These Prices Will Make You Take
Notice

Best Grade of Sheetings

9-4 sheeting, bleached or half bleached	35c
45-inch tubing	19c
42-inch tubing	17c
Lonsdale cotton	12½c
Lonsdale cambric, Nansook finish	18c
Berkeley 60 cambric	14c
Lonsdale cambric	18c
15c bleached cotton	11c
Unbleached cotton, Black Rock, best grade	12c
14c unbleached cotton	10½c

We have a big supply of the above cottons and urge you to lay in a supply as these prices are in some instances lower than the market price.

Heavy Outings in White and
Colored

12½c values for	9½c
15c white outtings	11c
10c white outtings	8c

New Spring Ginghams

Amoskey quality, actually worth 15c, our regular price 12½c, on sale at	10½c
Apron ginghams, Amoskey quality, on sale at	10c
Percales, best quality, 36-inches wide	12½c
10c flannelette	7½c
15c flannelette	12c
25c scrims and Voiles	19c
35c curtain scrims	26c

All the new colors in Taffeta, Messalines, Crepe de Chene and Georgette Crepe are here.

A remarkable sale of all ladies'
and children's coats
Final clearance price 1-3 off

ONE-HALF OFF on Ladies' Trimmed Hats—ONE-HALF OFF

Ladies' Serge Dresses, values up to \$15.00, to
close out at, each

\$5.00

Bath Towels and Hose

10 dozen large bath towels, a good	.50c value for	39c
Ladies' black or tan silk hose, all sizes,	25c	
All fleeced or wool hose, 35c values for	29c	
25c values for	21c	

EXTRA! EXTRA!

20 Ladies' Suits, good styles, values
\$18 to \$25, now on sale at

\$13.50

Flannel Gowns

Men's, Ladies' and Children's Flannel Gowns Reduced	50c gowns	42c	75c gowns	59c
	\$1.00 gowns		79c	

Men's Heavy Work Pants

\$3.00 grade for \$2.35	\$2.50 grade for \$1.95
75c yarn gloves for men, black or gray, at 59c	

Union Suits

We have a large selection of ladies' and childrens' union suits	75c values for 59c	\$1.25 values for 98c
\$1.00 values for 79c	1.50 values for 1.20	

ONE-FOURTH OFF on ladies' and
childrens' felt slippers and shoes

ONE-THIRD OFF on all ladies' skirts

ONE-FOURTH OFF on all men's
suits and overcoats (Styleplus \$17.00
excepted)

20 PER CENT OFF on all men's and
boys' mackinaws and work coats

Knit Toques, Booties, Bonnets and
Infants' Sweaters all specially
priced at one-fourth off

We want every reader of this page to carefully note these prices. They are
worthy of your consideration and we do not actually think you can duplicate them
in the city at any time this year.

Terms of Sale are CASH ONLY

Anniversary Sale of Blankets

75 pair to close at following prices. Get what you need for next winter.	
\$1.75 blankets for	\$1.29
1.50 blankets for	1.15
1.25 blankets for	.98
.85 blankets for	.75

Heavy Gray Flannel Shirts

We just received 10 dozen men's heavy gray heavy flannel shirts, regular 2.00 values, on sale for	\$1.49
1.25 gray flannel shirts for	.95

Men's Leather Mittens

Either lined or unlined, 75c quality for	62c
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Men's heavy cotton sweaters, shawl collar	59c
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Men's Wool Sox

We have 20 dozen men's gray wool mixed sox, it's a regular 25c value for	19c
Men's 50c heavy wool sox for	39c
Men's 25c wool sox	21c

ONE-FOURTH OFF on any Boys' or girls' Sweaters	
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Men's Underwear

Men's heavy fleeced or ribbed underwear on sale at	42c
We advise you to get your next winter needs at this price.	

Reductions in Men's Union
Suits

\$1.25 suits for \$.98	\$2.50 suits for \$1.95
1.50 suits for 1.15	3.00 suits for 2.39
\$4.00 suits for	\$3.25

GRAYLING MERCANTILE COMPANY

"THE QUALITY STORE"

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

Crawford Avalanche
O. P. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

One Year.....	\$1.50
Six Months.....	.75
Three Months.....	.40

Entered as second-class matter at the Post office
Grayling, Mich., under the Act of Congress of
March 3, 1893.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, FEB. 8.

Glad We Were Mistaken.

Newspapers in their anxiety to get important news oftentimes overrate the importance of some of the subjects that come up. This is not done to mislead the readers nor to cause unusual sensation. Such news as reached Grayling last week Thursday afternoon, when it was announced that the United States had declared war on Germany was of the kind that starts every loyal heart throbbing and it is natural that such news would spread rapidly. Every man would want to be the first to tell his neighbor and would also at once telephone his household. And it is natural that any live newspaper would desire to publish the report just as quickly as possible.

Time has revealed the fact that our report of the above matter was stronger than the facts would warrant. In this we wish to apologize to our readers, however in justice to ourselves we wish to state our announcement was founded upon reports handed out among our down-town business men; and to further satisfy ourselves as to the authenticity of the news we consulted the operator who heard the message, and we were assured that there was no mistake about it.

However as we are glad that it was a mistake and not real war, for that is one thing that should be avoided to the utmost.

Mrs. A. W. Harrington.

The very sudden and sad death of Mrs. Alfred W. Harrington of this city occurred last Wednesday, Jan. 31. Mrs. Harrington had been ailing for some time, and a couple of months ago entered Mercy hospital for medical treatment. She began improving very much each day, and while at the hospital began to feel quite well. But as she was a great lover of her home, she longed to return there to care for her children. Soon after her dismissal, she began to fail, and on Wednesday death came to her relief.

Mrs. Harrington was 43 years of age and had been a resident of Grayling for the past 14 years, and was very well known. She was an active member of the Lady Maccabees and Lady Foresters, in which circles she will be greatly missed.

Rev. Aaron Mitchell conducted the funeral services which were held Sunday afternoon from the home on Park street, and the remains were laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery. It was largely attended by friends of the family.

The deceased leaves to mourn her sad death, besides her husband and two children, Leslie, age 12, and Ruth age 10, one brother and four sisters, all of who were in attendance at the funeral. They are W. A. MacDonald of Pinconning, Mrs. Felix Richard, also of Pinconning, Mrs. Archie Stewart of Alpena, Mrs. Joseph Gallagher of Roscommon, and Mrs. Robert Baker of Marquette. Also Mrs. J. Hoyt and Miss Nellie Hoyt of Gaylord and the Messrs. Joseph Gallagher of Roscommon and Robert Baker of Marquette, City, came for the funeral Sunday.

All relatives of the deceased have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Notice.

We are making a special \$1.75 offer of a year's subscription to The Avalanche and to four standard magazines. This offer is open to all new or old subscribers. By subscribing to The Avalanche now you get \$1.35 worth of magazines for only 25¢ extra. The magazines are all high class and will make a valuable addition to the library of any home. We want to call your attention also to the free dress pattern that is given to each subscriber.

Subscribe for the Avalanche.

A TORTURED HEART
WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION

Local News

INTERESTING LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA.

W. H. Smith and Wife Spending Winter in West.

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 20, 1917.

Dear Comrade:

Here we are in "Sunny California" and haven't seen the sun but once in two weeks. I got here January 2nd and Mrs. Smith got here from "Morgan Hill," up near San Francisco, where she had been visiting her three sisters, a few days later. We spent our "Honey Moon" at the hotel where I was staying down in the city, but later we secured apartments fitted up for light house keeping at 1226 West Jefferson Ave. Double track right down to Broadway, the center of business, so we are quite comfortably fixed. We have to depend on an oil stove for heat and a gas range for cooking. We had pancakes and bacon, buns and fried cakes with coffee for breakfast.

The city is surrounded with chicken farms, both large and small. I visited one where they have 3000 white Leghorns, and yet eggs retail up around 50 cents a dozen, storage 45 cents.

Mrs. Smith feels some better than when she came over, but can't stand much sight-seeing—tires very easily and so do I for that matter. I am not feeling near as well as when I left Michigan. At New Orleans the weather was warm like late spring in Michigan; frogs peeping in the water holes of which there are many on the side streets, changed for light under-wear, but before I got to Houston, Texas, it was quite cool again. I caught a cold and haven't got over it yet. I think we have both got the "California Grip" and it's no improvement on the Michigan variety. We cough and cough, and then cough some more.

Los Angeles is certainly some city with its many suburbs on all sides. They claim to have one million population. It's a much finer city than I had expected to find; electric cars on all the principal streets, good service in all directions by two competing lines, while the "Pacific Electric," corresponding to our Interurban lines in Michigan, furnish the beat and quickest transportation to all the outlying districts and small-cities located in all directions, for which Los Angeles is now the center, and I think always will be.

The United States government has built a harbor at San Pedro, on the coast, about 10 miles I think, claimed to be one of the best and safest harbors on this coast, with government owned docks, while in most harbors, San Francisco for instance, the docks are owned by corporations, usually the railroads, making it more expensive for ship owners and others using them and further this harbor requires no "tug service," no bar requiring the service of a pilot, a big saving to vessel owners.

It has been snowing up in the mountains and raining in the valleys in southern California since New Year. It has rained some days hard, but most of the time a fine drizzle, with occasional sunshine. It just the kind of weather the farmers and orchardists like, as it keeps off the frost and insures an abundant crop, with little insurance the coming season. I find that one needs as warm clothing here in the winter as he does in Michigan. The cold air is so damp and penetrating.

I meet lots of comrades here. One that I met in a restaurant yesterday was with us in the 5th corps, Army of the Potomac, the Pennsylvania Reserves. He gave me his card and urged me to be sure and call on him at home.

Between New Orleans and Houston I passed "Hanson City" owned by Rasmus Hanson of Grayling. As the train only stopped a few minutes I had no opportunity to see the mills and piles of lumber. I saw rows of neatly painted cottages, an air of thrift and comfort was evident on all sides.

On the way over I travelled very little nights. I spent my first Sunday on the road at Chattanooga, Tenn. I visited the battle grounds on Look Out mountain and Missionary Ridge and was there two nights. The weather was fine, like early fall in Michigan. Then I spent one day and two nights at New Orleans; one day and night at Houston, Texas; one day and night at San Antonio, visited the "Alamo," a very interesting ruin, where Colonel Bowil and his brave men were massacred by the Mexicans under General Santa Anna.

But at El Paso I spent my second Sunday, on the road, with the Michigan troops, and how I did enjoy it. One company in the 33rd regiment is from Cheboygan, also Colonel Bouchard. I had met many of them at Grayling and they gave me a soldier's welcome. The 31st regiment left El Paso for home, Fort Wayne, I think the day I was there. The remaining Michigan regiments turned out to say Good-bye and a safe journey home. You should have heard the cheering and "Michigan, My Michigan" played by the bands and sung by all three regiments. It took me back to the days when you and I wore Uncle Sam's uniform.

From El Paso it takes one whole day and a night to reach here.

At some later date perhaps I will be able to tell you more about this wonderful country. As yet I am not fully convinced that it is really a better country to live in than Michigan. I am still of the opinion that Michigan is good enough for me and to part for all time with my old friends and comrades in "North East Michigan" wouldadden my few remaining years on earth.

Fraternally yours,

Wm. H. Smith

ANOTHER GRAYLING CASE.

It Proves That There's a Way Out for Many Suffering Gray-ing Folks.

Just another report of a case in Grayling. Another typical case. Kidney ailments relieved in Grayling with Dean's Kidney Pills.

J. D. Thompson, M. & N. E. R. R. station agent, Lake St. Grayling, says: "Whenever colds have settled on my kidneys, my back has been weak and lame and I have had a steady ache thru the small of it. A few boxes of Dean's Kidney Pills, which I get at Olson's Drug store, have never failed to cure an attack of this complaint in short order. I can also recommend Dean's Kidney Pills highly for children with weak kidneys."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Dean's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Thompson recommends. Foster-Milburn Co., Proprietary, Buffalo, N. Y. adv.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who gave their assistance and sympathy in the loss of our wife and mother.

A. W. HARRINGTON,
and children.

Your Last Chance.

Recently we published in these columns an offer of The Youth's Companion and McCall's Magazine, both for a full year, for only \$2.10, including a McCall dress pattern. The high price of paper and ink has obliged McCall's Magazine to raise their subscription price February 1 to 10 cents a copy and 75 cents a year so that the offer at the above price must be withdrawn.

Until March 31 our readers have the privilege of ordering both publications for a full year, including the choice of any 15 cent McCall dress pattern for only \$2.10.

The amount of reading, information and entertainment contained in the fifty-two issues of The Youth's Companion and the value of twelve monthly fashion numbers of McCall's at \$2.10 offer a real bargain to every reader of this paper.

This two-at-one-price offer includes:

1. The Youth's Companion—52 issues.

2. The Companion Home Calendar for 1917.

3. McCall's Magazine—12 fashion numbers.

4. One 15-cent McCall dress pattern—your choice from your first copy of McCall's—if you send a two-cent stamp with your selection.

The Youth's Companion,
184 St. Paul St., Boston, Mass.

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FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL STATEMENT

OF THE OLD

Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Company
OF DETROITMichigan Mutual Life Building 150 Jefferson Avenue
For the Year Ending December 31st, 1916

ASSETS

Cash on deposit in banks	\$ 271,745.97
First mortgage loans on real estate	10,236,182.14
Real Estate (Home Office building)	100,000.00
Loans to policy holders secured by reserves	1,895,995.35
Stocks, cash value	25,000.00
Loans on collateral	1,800.00
Interest due and accrued	176,212.50
Net outstanding and deferred premiums secured by reserves	146,266.14
Due from other companies	2,805.83

\$12,859,010.93

LIABILITIES

Reserve fund, including disability benefits (computed by the Michigan Insurance Dept.)	\$11,501,937.21
Premiums, interest and rents paid in advance	32,832.64
Installment policy claims not yet due	29,364.04
All other policy claims	70,791.11
Reserved for taxes and other items payable in 1917	38,828.86
Surplus fund	1,182,257.07

\$12,859,010.93

Insurance written in Michigan during 1916 3,977,600.00

Total amount of insurance in force December 31, 1916 56,289,878.37

During the year 1916 the Company

Paid death claims amounting to 580,489.14

Paid to living policy holders 676,535.05

Total amount paid to policy holders in one year 1,263,045.19

Total amount paid to policy holders since the organization of the Company 27,317,495.34

The Quarterbreed

An Indian Reservation Tale by ROBERT AMES BENNET.

CHAPTER XXII—Continued.

“Be so kind as to explain—I understand that you were ordered to Alas-ka.”

“Were you not told of my return as far as the butte?”

“Then your orders to leave were countermanded.” Marie evaded the question.

His eyes darkened, and his face contracted as if from a twinge of pain. But he replied with quiet steadiness: “That is of no consequence. May I ask if you consider my word good?”

“Yes.” The answer was given without an instant’s hesitation.

He smiled gravely. “You cannot think I came back to win the mine for myself. You have my word that I will assign it to you as soon as I have the legal right.”

“To me? But why?” The dilating eyes of the girl showed her utter surprise and astonishment. “Why? There, that last night at the agency, you showed that you despised me.”

“Never that,” he disclaimed. “I was bitter—harsh. But the suddenness of the discovery that you and he—let us not talk of that. It is past. I would not have come back to trouble you, only—” Again he stopped. “I had to come back and do this thing. It was necessary that you should become owner of the mine—sole owner. It is to be yours, not his. Promise me that you will never give him any share in it. That is all I ask.”

“I will not promise unless you tell me your reason for asking it, and unless you tell me your reason for doing what you have done.”

Hardy whitened. “Very well, then. It is simply this: If you own the mine, he will wish to marry you.”

“If I—But he already wishes to—”

The girl hesitated, and fell silent, her eyebrows bent in thought.

“I do not seek to persuade you to the contrary,” said Hardy. “All I ask is

and muttered hoarsely: “Take her into the cabin. She won’t let me—do it.”

Dupont coughed, and spoke in a husky voice. “Come into the cabin, Marie.”

“No,” she replied.

“But listen, girl,” he urged. “No one won’t never know, and we won’t be looking. We can’t lay it on the same couch Indian who has tried to git him twice a’ready. There’s a lot of ‘em just come into the valley—Don’t look at me that way. The dirty sneak has took our mine away from us—he done it by a trick, cutting ‘cross afoot. Mr. Van can’t afford to marry you if we find him don’t git the mine.”

“What if I should get it?” asked the girl, with no shade of change in her inscrutable calm.

Vandervyn whirled upon her, his face convulsed with jenious fury. “So that’s it! You’ve sold yourself to him! You—” He stopped, silenced by her look.

After a pause she quietly remarked: “He gives me the mine. He is going away. I do not know where. Instead of you, I am to be the owner of the mine. Do you wish to marry me?”

CHAPTER XXIII.

A Wedding Postponed.

Vandervyn’s face darkened with suspicion.

“If you’re not playing me then he has lied to you, in order to get away from us.”

Marie’s lips curved in a half-smile. “He gave me his word of honor. Do you doubt it?”

The young man’s jaw dropped slack. He could not even pretend to doubt her statement or Hardy’s word. He looked down, his brows-knotted and eyes contracted with intense thought.

Dupont took the news in a far dif-

ferent manner.

“By Gurl! he exulted. “He’s going to give you the mine? You’re dead sure of it? By Gurl! I call that mighty square of Cap. It’s white! And me a-thinking he done it all to my back at us. It sure is white of Cap. Why, it’s nearly the same like he did give it to me!”

“He named only one condition,” remarked Marie.

Vandervyn started, and looked up at her. She met him with a level glance that told nothing of what she was thinking.

“One condition,” she repeated. “It was my promise not to give you any share in the mine.”

“Me?” queried Dupont.

“No.”

“I see,” threatened Vandervyn. “He thinks to force you from having anything to do with me.”

“On the contrary, he seemed to think it would—not prevent our marrying.”

Vandervyn stared in bewilderment. Hardy’s action seemed incredible. Then he thought he perceived the explanation, and rallied from his perplexity. His brows gave place to a cynical smile.

“O-ho, my lady! I see. You worked him with the soft pedal—the snifthead! The easy mark! He’s just the kind of dunder to fall for the wall of a pretty girl with a tear in her eye and a quiver in her throat. Good for you, sweet heart! You beat him at his own game. He tried a bluff, thinking you’d be silly enough to throw me over for him. You called him, and he had to make good. The fool—to think you’d be soft enough to turn from me to him, just because he made a play to the galleries with his offer! Oh, what an easy mark!”

“Is that exactly the right term?” calmly inquired the girl.

“None better!” exulted Vandervyn.

“He made you promise not to give me a share in the mine. Mining property is real estate. An agreement in regard to real estate is not binding unless in writing.”

Marie’s tranquil face took on an expression of artless concern. “Oh, really? Then his promise to give me the mine is not binding.”

“Don’t worry,” reassured Vandervyn. “He will keep his word. You are sure of the mine.”

“But, of course, if I take back my promise it will be no more than fair give him the chance to take back his,” she innocently remarked.

“Not at all, sweetheart,” he replied. “You can do as you please. A woman’s promises are not considered binding—in business matters. Legally, in most of the states, she is rated as a minor.”

“Wimmen ain’t minors no longer in our state,” interjected Dupont.

“Thank you for reminding me,” said his daughter. She looked at Vandervyn with naive seriousness. “So you see I must keep my promise.”

“Oh, I say now, don’t be a—” He detected something behind her look of childlike artlessness, and hastened to concede the point. “But of course if you feel that way about it! You will not have to break your promise after—

The law will then make your property mine. So that is settled, sweetheart. Now comes the main question. When shall we be married?”

The girl quivered at the word. He stepped close, and looked into her eyes, his own glowing golden with ardor. She dropped her gaze, and drew back from him as if confused by the suddenness of his proposal.

“I must think,” she murmured. “Would it not be best to—wait until he has given me the mine?”

“Not when you have his word that he will do it. Anyway, there’s no harm in naming the day. Come, make it an early one.”

The girl’s rich color deepened with a blush.

“Not now!” she replied, struggling to recover her composure. “You must wait. Perhaps tomorrow—but now

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pleased to be very gracious to him. The anxiety with which he had met her at the cabin door soon vanished. He fell into the gallantry of an accepted suitor who is very much in love and a bit uncertain of his conquest.

He waited until Dupont went to fetch the horses before he ventured to reopen the question of questions: “Sweetheart, you’ve had time to think it over and decide. Tell me, when is to be the happy day?”

“Yes,” she murmured. “I have thought it over.”

“You will name an early date!” he exclaimed, assured by the coy sweeteness of her look.

Her smile faded, and she dropped forward in an attitude of humility that had never before seen her pride permit. She replied in a meek voice: “Oh, no, no! I must do what is just by you. Think what it would be like for you to take back with you as an Indian reservation.”

Vandervyn winced, rallied, and rejoined with ardor: “Let them be what they please, so long as you are my wife!”

“That is most gallant and—brave of you!” she murmured. “But there is also Pere.”

Vandervyn bit his lip. “Need he come along?”

Marie looked up, her eyes full of tender reproach.

“I did not think that of you, Reggie. How can I leave him here alone? You have never seemed to realize that I came back from Ottawa because I wished to be with him. Even before I went to convent I saw the traits in him that you see, but also I saw something more—the man that he might have been.”

“Don’t imagine I am asking you to give him up,” Vandervyn hastened to disclaim. “All I suggest is that we take our honeymoon trip alone.”

“And leave Pere with no one to cook for him—leave him here! Can’t you guess what would happen? Within a week—a fortnight of the utmost—he would marry the youngest and best cook within reach, a breed girl by preference—most likely Charlie’s sister.”

Vandervyn winced as if cut across the face with a whiplash.

“No—not him!” he stammered. “That it would be impossible! She would be—I tell you, I will not stand for it—I cannot!”

“Of course that could not be permitted,” sweetly agreed Marie. “I would not care to come back and find I had acquired a stepmother as young or younger than myself—no, not even if she were as clean and as good a girl as Olenna Redbeard.”

“Then you think?” he hesitated.

Vandervyn.

“Listen, I have thought and thought, and now I have it all planned out. I must do what is just by you, yet, as you see, I cannot leave Pere here. You may remember that I told you little about the English people I knew in Ottawa. When I saw that you thought I was romancing, I said no more except in hints. I really was more intimate with Lady Verlaine than you will find it easy to believe. Her son and daughters were already married. She took a fancy to me. When I was to come home, she invited me to visit her in England. I had told her all about myself and Pere. We correspond regularly. She has renewed her invitation more than once. The last time she insisted that I should come without further delay, and bring Pere with me.”

“She did?” exclaimed Vandervyn. “Then why not all three of us go together?”

Marie drooned again in her attitude of meek humility.

“You are so generous, Reggie, to be willing to travel with Pere! But I cannot allow you to make such a sacrifice. No; there is a better way—

smile go alone with Pere to England, and then perhaps for a little visit to Paris with the sister of the mother

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Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, FEB. 8

Hyman Joseph is on the sick list.

Miss Margaret Bauman has returned home from Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Johnson returned last Friday from their honey-moon trip.

Mrs. Elf Rasmussen returned last week to her home in Detroit after a three weeks' visit here.

Hathaway just received another big line of watches that he will sell on the dollar a week plan. See him.

Miss Maude Tetu left Tuesday afternoon for Bay City, where she will remain for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Holger C. Schmidt spent several days in Detroit visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Phelps, Jr.

Miss Bettefield and Miss Clara Weiss of Riverview visited Miss Margaret Nelson a part of last week.

The Salling, Hanson Co., plating mill shut down last week for a month in order to have some necessary repairs made.

Miss Flora Borchers was absent from Petersen's grocery the fore part of the week on account of an attack of the grippe.

The fire eater who habitually carries a chip on his shoulder often finds that he is too insignificant for a real man to even notice.

James Ford, being laid up with a sore foot, arrived Monday from Detroit for a short visit with his grandmother, and also friends.

Cameron Game of Game & Burrows meat market spent several days in Chicago, last and this week on business. He returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Herluf Sorenson and little daughter are visiting her parents at Hobart, Mich. Mrs. Sorenson was called there by the illness of her father.

Pastor Aaberg of Dwight, Illinois will lecture at Danebod hall Wednesday evening, February 14th at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Mollie Johnson of Saginaw has been spending the past several days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, and attended the K. of P. ball last evening.

Mrs. Boesen left the fore part of last week for Detroit, to enter Harper hospital to undergo serious operation. Her many friends will be glad to know that the operation was successful and she is getting along nicely at present.

Tuesday, February 20th, is the last day on which caucuses can be held for the purpose of selecting candidates for various village offices to be voted on March 12th. This is in compliance with the absent voters' law which requires caucuses to be held 20 days before election. Township caucuses must be held not later than March 13th.

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T. Boesen left Sunday night for Detroit to visit his wife, who is a patient at Harper hospital.

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Supervisor Frank Love of Beaver Creek, returned home last week from a several days' visit at Owosso.

Ex-trainmaster Lankey of the Mackinaw division, now of Bay City was in the city on business the fore part of the week.

Frank is about to remodel and paper the interior of his store. Watch for the beautiful up to the minute line for early spring.

Melvin A. Bates has been detained at home for about two weeks by illness. He is able to be out again and is improving nicely.

Peter Raamussen, foreman in the Salling, Hanson Co. lumber sheds at the plating mill yard, is slowly recovering from an illness of several weeks.

Special ten-day anniversary sale at the Grayling Mercantile Co.'s, beginning Saturday February 10. See their full page ad elsewhere in this issue of the Avalanche.

Oh Ladies, watch for the announcement of the full complete line of ladies' high grade 2 line shoes. No finer line ever shown in Grayling. They will be on display. Frank Dresen.

On January 29th the average depth of snow in the State was 7.49. In the southern counties 4.68, in the central counties 5.98; in the northern counties 12.13 and in the Upper Peninsula 15.75 inches.

Any person having old papers, magazines or paste board to donate to the M. E. Ladies Aid society will please notify Mrs. T. W. Hanson this week. Boy scouts will gather papers up next Saturday.

Mrs. Leo White, who was formerly Miss Lillie McLeod, and who has been visiting her mother here, left last week for Detroit to meet her husband, who was with the 32nd Infantry at El Paso, and during last week were mustered out of service at Ft. Wayne.

Their home is in Adrian, Michigan.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Parents and Teachers' association will be held at the school building Thursday evening, at 7:15 o'clock. All ladies are requested to be present. A donation of ten cents or more of each member is asked to purchase linen for the use of the school.

Doris Wilson celebrated her birthday by inviting a large number of girls and boys to the W. R. C. hall on Thursday evening. The young people had a fine time playing games, visiting, etc. A fine supper was served which they all enjoyed. Miss Doris was presented with a Kodak from her friends as a token of appreciation for the splendid time she had shown them.

Edward Mason invited a number of his small friends to his home Thursday afternoon to help celebrate his birthday. In the center of the table was a fine cake which shone with six candles, which showed that Edward was reaching the age when he must begin to solve mathematical problems. The little folks had a jolly time and wished their host many happy returns of the day.

Floyd Jones of Sigma was born to Mercy hospital last Friday suffering with a compound fracture of his right leg. The accident happened while he was at work at Schreurs' camp

near Sigma, Thursday Jan. 25. He is in quite a serious condition. The family formerly resided in Grayling for a few years before moving to Sigma, and are quite well known. Mrs. Jones is here at the bedside of her husband.

At a postponed meeting of the stockholders of the Grayling Social Club last Saturday evening election of officers and directors was held. A. E. Michelson, who now resides in Detroit, retired as president. The new officers are Cabera Hanson, president; Holger Hanson, vice president; J. Fred Alexander, secretary and treasurer.

The remaining members of the board of directors are Dr. Stanley N. Insley, T. W. Hanson, Marius Hanson, Charles Tromble and Henry A. Baum.

What promises to be one of the most interesting and pleasant features to be presented in the school auditorium this season is the Patriotic program that will be offered under auspices of the Woman's Literary and the Goodfellowship clubs next Monday night.

The program will largely consist of songs, drills and speaking by the children of the school and others. This is going to be a real patriotic evening and an appropriate manner in which to observe Lincoln's birthday. The public is cordially invited and urged to attend. The program will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock. There will be no charge for admission.

C. J. Hathaway, optometrist, went to Traverse City Wednesday for the purpose of making a study of the eye conditions among the insane members of the Michigan State hospital, which is located in that city. In his examinations he found that 75% of the inmates were suffering from eye-strain in one form or another. Mr. Hathaway is of the opinion that defective vision and eye-strain are in a large measure responsible for mental breakdowns and feels more firmly convinced than ever before, since his visit to Traverse City, that his theory is correct. He says that he is highly gratified over his trip and that the authorities of the asylum extended to him every courtesy.

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Body of William King Described as Left Handed Both Inside and Out.

St. Louis.—The body of William King, which has been preserved for twenty months, is described by an anatomist as "left handed, both inside and out," according to a statement made public at the City hospital.

In May, 1915, King, who was thirty-five years old, applied at the hospital for treatment. He said he was a laborer and had lived most of his life in Wisconsin. He was suffering from typhoid fever.

When asked who should be notified in case of his death King said: "Don't worry about that. Just cut me up and examine my body. There's something wrong with me besides the fever."

He died a few days later. When surgeons made an examination of the body they found one of the most abnormal cases in the history of surgery. The heart was on the right side, the liver on the left; the appendix was on the left side and the spleen on the right. The stomach was turned around completely. On the left lung were three lobes; the right lung had but two. The left kidney was larger and lower than the right one.

DANCE TO WIRELESS MUSIC MILES AWAY

Phonograph at High Bridge, N. Y., Heard All Over House at Morristown, N. J.

New York.—What was declared to be the world's first wireless dance was held at 20 Morris Avenue, Morristown, N. J., the home of Theodore E. Gaty, vice president of the Fidelity and Casualty Insurance company of this city. His two sons—John P. and Theodore E. Gaty, Jr., the latter home from Cornell for the Christmas holidays—got up a dance and throughout the evening the seven or eight couples who had been invited danced to music that was played on a phonograph in High Bridge, at the northern end of Manhattan, about forty miles away from Morristown by air line.

Mr. Gaty and his sons are enthusiasts in the science of radio telephony and telegraphy. A friend, P. F. Golley of Montclair, who is a radio engineer, made use of the Leo de Forest audion detector and the sound amplifier invented by Dr. Edwin H. Armstrong of Columbia, the invention which made transcontinental telephony possible, as well as a wireless telephone message to Honolulu. Mr. Gaty, who is only twenty-seven years old, adapted the two devices to amateur use and attached them to a phonograph horn in the Gaty home.

The phonograph that furnished the dance music was played in the High Bridge plant of the De Forest Radio Telephone and Telegraph company, and the musical sound waves were received by the amateur receiver over Mr. Gaty's house.

When the faint sounds, which, coming from the receiver, could scarcely be detected by the ear, passed through the combined sound amplifiers and then through the megaphone they could be heard all over the house.

FROM MISSOURI TO PANAMA.

Bottle Found After Being Six Months Afloat.

Hartville, Mo.—A list of names of a party of Springfield normal school students sealed in a soda pop bottle which was thrown into the James river at Turner, Mo., last June has been returned in a letter received by Miss Opal Pope of this place, one of the young women whose names were on the list.

The letter was written by a member of the crew of the United States ship Raleigh, which reached San Francisco recently after being stationed off the coast of Panama. The writer said he found the bottle on the beach while in Panama.

WILL AID WEARY HORSES.

School Children Plan Farm For Working Dobbies.

Youngstown, O.—Members of the Junior Humane society here have contributed the nucleus of a fund which they will raise to rent or buy a rest farm for worked out horses.

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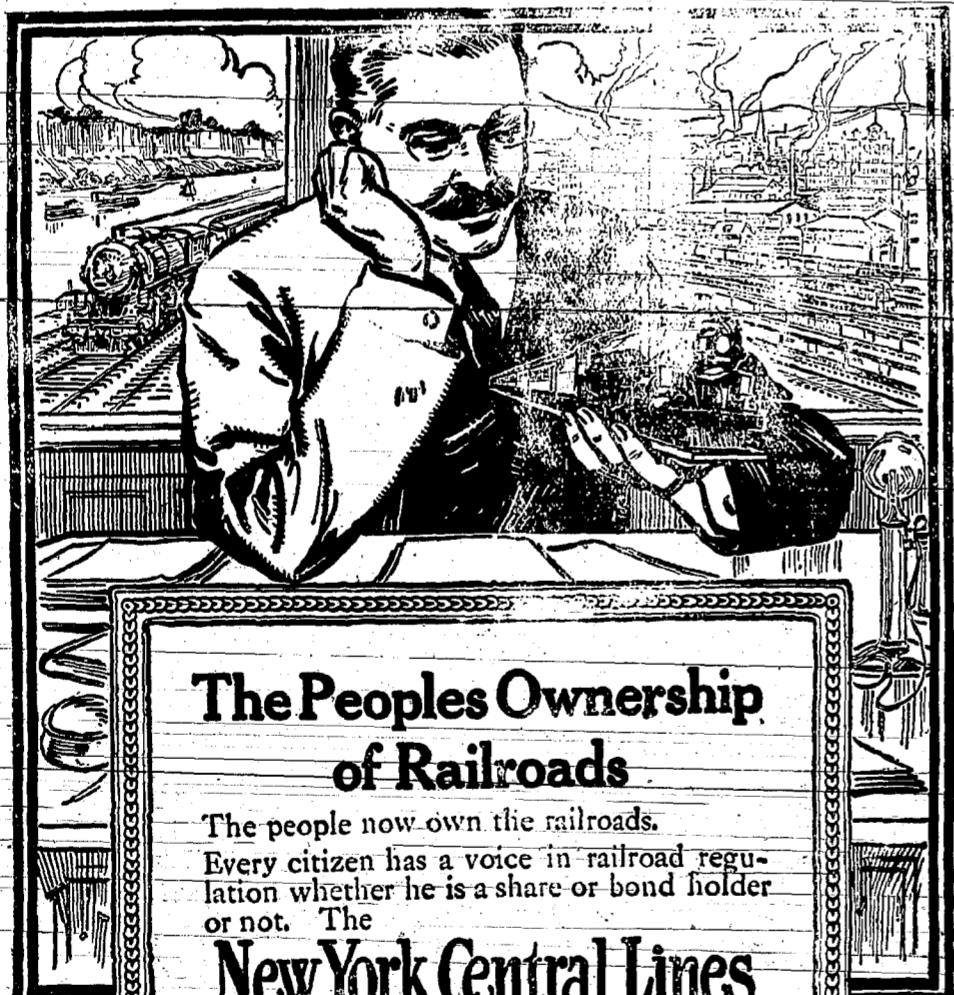
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are owned by over 30,000 share and bond holders. Many of these are savings banks, trust companies, estates, etc., with thousands of other share holders in turn.

Hence railroad problems, involving state and national regulation of rates, wages, finances, operation, etc., are the people's problems.

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Correspondence.

Frederic School Notes.

Clyne McDermaid had almost a perfect paper in chemistry test.

If parents and pupils realized that missing even one day will put the pupils back, they would think twice before allowing them to be absent. After staying out a week it is almost impossible for the average pupil to get caught up again. There are a few who can do it but they are far apart.

Bay City has offered to play our boys' team at basketball but the game has not been scheduled yet.

Nellie Courtney was absent last week.

The public library has been moved into the High school building. It will be open every Monday night. Many new books have been sent for, new magazines have been ordered, and a good crowd should turn out to enjoy them. The library will also be open from four to five every day for exchange of books.

Many pupils are absent in the lower grades but the attendance of the high school remains remarkably fine.

Mae McDermaid and Lottie Forbes have entered the United States history class.

Under Mae McDermaid's leadership the school has learned many new songs.

Herman Wilcox of the high school goes to Cheboygan this week to take the civil service examination.

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Frederic News.

(To late for last week.)

Charles Craven went to Bay City with the rest of the supervisors, representing the different townships, as a booster for the Northeastern Development association. Lets all boost and make N. E. equal to any other part of the state.

Wm. Lang is visiting his father, Robert Lang and sister, Mrs. Albert Lewis and shaking hands with his old friends.

C. A. Boyd was in town Monday. There must be some attraction. How about it Charles?

Joseph Charon of Maple Forest returned home from Southern and Western states last week. Joe is considered a traveller now days. He looks good and says he feels good.

J. S. Kelley, of Walsh Mfg. Co., and wife returned from Detroit, and Toledo, where they have been visiting the past two weeks.

Glad to see our January thaw. Came on the 29th; late, but welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Young, pioneer residents, are visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pratt and shaking hands with old friends. They expect to move back on their farm in the spring. They say Midland is a busy little city.

G. A. Wilbur, wife and children of Grayling are visiting their many friends and relatives here, help who takes up his duties for R. Hanson & Sons Co. at Lansing in retail lumber business. Success to you Art.

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